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REMARKS

Upon entry of the instant amendment, claims 1-7 and 10-11 are pending. Claims 8 and 9 have been canceled. Claims 1 and 7 have been amended, and claim 11 has been added, to more particularly point out Applicants' invention.

Claims 1-5 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being unpatentable over Ma et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,868,090 ("Ma"). In order for there to be anticipation, each and every element of the claimed invention must be present in a single prior reference. Applicants respectfully submit that the claimed invention is not taught, suggested, or implied by Ma.

As described in the Specification, and in response to the previous Official Action, one aspect of the present invention relates to a telecommunications system that includes a packet network and a feature proxy used for interworking between, e.g., H.323 endpoints and H.323 endpoints that do not support H.450 supplementary services on the network, and that may also include an embedded gatekeeper proxy. The feature proxy may also interwork between H.323 endpoints and non-H.323 endpoints on the network. In some embodiments, a gatekeeper may be embedded with the feature proxy. Thus, claim 1 has been amended to recite "a feature proxy including an embedded gatekeeper proxy on the packet network adapted to receive registrations of said first plurality, said second plurality, and said third plurality of endpoints that maps such registrations to registrations with said gatekeeper and provides feature processing for said first, second, and third plurality of endpoints."

In contrast, Ma merely provides an SCP that includes an H.450 interface, for providing supplemental services between an H.323 endpoint and an SCP. Ma does not provide for first, second or third endpoints on a same packet network, or interworking therebetween, as generally recited in the claims at issue; nor, indeed, does Ma provide a feature proxy for such endpoints, or a feature proxy including an embedded gatekeeper. Indeed, Ma does not even appear to recognize the such a problem might exist. As such, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the

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rejection of the claims.

Claims 6-10 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ma in view of Li et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,961,332 ("Li"). Applicants respectfully submit that the claimed invention is not taught, suggested or implied by Ma or Li, either singly or in combination. Ma has been discussed above.

Li is relied on merely for allegedly teaching mapping to a single registration in a gatekeeper. With reference to claim 6, applicants note that this claim is dependent on claim 1, which has been discussed above. Like Ma, Li does not provide the first, second, and third endpoints as recited in the claims at issue; nor does it provide the recited proxy.

With reference to claims 7-10, as discussed above, Ma does not provide a feature server or the recited endpoints. Li provides for a MADN group including terminals on both the public switched telephone network and a packet-switched network. While Li provides a terminal proxy server, the TPS 42 of Li does not provide for endpoints implementing different protocols on the same network. As such, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejection.

For reasons similar to those discussed above, applicants respectfully submit that newly added claim 11 is likewise allowable.

For all of the above reasons, Applicants respectfully submit that the application is in condition for allowance, which allowance is earnestly solicited.

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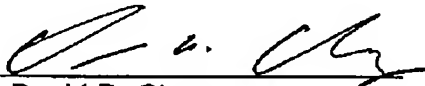
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